

The Weekly Chronicle.

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JOHN SHERMAN.

Were it not that more exciting occurrences are absorbing public attention, the resignation of John Sherman as secretary of state would be an event of unusual interest. His retirement from public life marks almost a political epoch. With one exception, that of Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, his was the longest public career of any person now living.

Few men have been able to wield a greater influence in shaping the legislation of this nation, and but very few have kept themselves as free from suspicion of wrong-doing as he. From the time when in 1855 he entered congress as a representative from Ohio until now, no breath of scandal has ever affected his name. Of a naturally conservative temperament, he struggled always for what he deemed the best interests of his country, and now with the hand of age resting heavily upon him, he retires from public life content that he has been a faithful servant of the duties committed to his care.

His administration of the state department may not have been so brilliant as his admirers could have wished, but for this there is abundant explanation.

Judge Day of Ohio is a new figure in public life. Outside of his own state he was practically unknown until the election of McKinley. That he possesses some ability is unquestioned else the president would not have so signally honored him; but he has yet to make his reputation in the office made famous by Webster, Seward and Blaine. Judge Day enters upon his career at a trying time, and if he have the right elements for a statesman, it will soon be determined.

SPAIN'S POSITION.

Spain has issued a note to the powers of Europe stating its position with reference to the trouble between that nation and America. The note was addressed some time ago to the various governments, but the contents are just now made public. As could be expected, the language is specious, and an attempt is made to justify Spain's conduct in every instance.

Principally to be noted among the statements is the one that Spain is willing to arbitrate concerning the Maine affair. This is where all Americans draw the line. Here is nothing to arbitrate in this matter. The Maine entered Havana harbor, the representative of a peaceful nation. On the night of February 15, 1898, she was destroyed and over two hundred and fifty American sailors killed. Although indignation rose to the highest pitch among the American people, yet calmer council prevailed, and the nation waited until the inquiry of a naval commission, composed of men whose standing was the highest, reported their conclusions. When this was done and it was announced that the Maine had been destroyed by a submarine mine, the American people accepted the verdict, and they are determined to abide by it now. It is unnecessary to add that Spain's responsibility was determined as soon as it was ascertained that the explosion was external.

Murder is not a fit subject to be adjusted by international agreement, and this is what would be done should Spain and America arbitrate over the loss of the Maine.

For once Spain has gone too far, and in the end she will pay dearly for her devilry.

If the O. R. & N. Co. had from the beginning shown the interest and lent its aid in the upbuilding of the country tributary to its line which it is doing now, Eastern Oregon would be in a far greater stage of develop-

ment, and the company would be richer by many dollars. It is a mistaken idea that railroads should necessarily be inimical to the spirit and wishes of the various communities through which they run, and we are glad to see the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company pursuing broader lines of policy. The success of the various agricultural and stock conventions which have been held this spring was due, in a large measure, to the co-operation and enterprise of the O. R. & N. management. The upbuilding of the country will inure to the benefit of all transportation concerns.

It would not be at all surprising if the first real naval battle should be fought near the Philippine islands, instead of the waters of the Atlantic. Spain already has a pretentious fleet guarding her interests there, and the United States vessels belonging to the Asiatic squadron have sailed in that direction. Should the Oregon, which is popularly supposed to be hurrying up the South American coast towards the Cuban islands, be really on her way to join the Asiatic squadron, there need be little fear of what the result of this naval battle would be. Without the Oregon the contest would be more doubtful, though patriotism, as well as sober judgment, will lead every American to believe that the Spaniards will be defeated.

As the wool clip of 1898 begins moving towards The Dalles the reasons for establishing a woolen mill have again become apparent. This city never was in better financial condition than it is today, nor as good. Now is the time to advance, and there is no one thing that can do so much for the permanent growth and prosperity of the city as a woolen mill, turning into a finished product the raw material which the grazing lands of Eastern Oregon furnish so abundantly.

The good wishes which THE CHRONICLE is receiving for the success of its new venture is very gratifying. From Dufur alone today five new subscribers were received unsolicited, while others have come from Goldendale, Cascade Locks and points in Sherman county. It is not an easy matter to have everything move as smoothly as first as we would wish it, but every day will see THE CHRONICLE nearer the goal towards which it is striving.

It is a matter of regret that Oregon has but one senator to express the support which this state is willing to give the administration in defending the national honor by force of arms. There is yet an opportunity to rectify this unfortunate condition if Governor Lord will but listen to the demand of duty and call an extra session. There is every argument for such a course, and none that we can see worthy of consideration against it.

The citizens of The Dalles bid the young warriors, who are answering their country's call, God-speed. They are our boys, and the city is proud of their patriotic fervor and the promptness with which they respond to what duty demands. We, all of us, trust that there will be no occasion for active service, for war at best is a horrible thing; but if it need be that battle wage, the patriots from The Dalles will not shirk.

Patriotism is just as great in The Dalles as elsewhere, though our citizens are not making public demonstrations. But when it comes to furnishing volunteers, this city may be depended upon to send its full quota and more whenever they are needed.

Already the fusionists of Multnomah county are quarreling among themselves, and a split is imminent. When men are held together by no higher principle than desire for office, disruption is but a little way in the distance.

Blanco says he is going to punish the American warships. Whatever punishment done will be inflicted upon the murderers of the American sailors in Havana harbor. "Remember the Maine" is the watchword.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
 Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

LACK OF HARMONY.

Binger Hermann, who has long been one of Oregon's most honored citizens, and now commissioner of the general land office, expresses himself as being dismayed with the lack of harmony which exists in the Republican organization in Multnomah county. He writes:

I have just been informed of the proceedings of the convention in Oregon, and I discover many surprises. The worst feature is the discord and factious fighting, which seems to be regarded as legitimate at the present time; but if victory is to be sought for, I cannot possibly see why there is not more self-sacrifice and a higher spirit pervading our Republican friends toward reconciliation and unanimity. If at any time we should have a cheering word from Oregon, it should be at the present moment.

It is true the situation is one which never should have occurred, and never would have had it not been for the presumptuous bossism of several so-called leaders of the Republican party. The worst of these political magnates has been and is Joseph Simon, and there never can be the desired harmony as long as he retains control of the politics of the state. It would be better far if new men were placed in positions of leadership; men whose political characters are less offensive to the great body of voters in the state.

Now is the time to show a spirit of conciliation, and the wisest thing which Simon and his followers could do is to meet the requests of the anti-Simon men half way and win them back to an earnest and hearty support of the Republican organization in Multnomah county.

If this be done, Republican success is certain throughout the state, and the feeling of soreness will be greatly allayed. The Republican party should seek to win every vote it can get, and not drive them away.

The eastern wool market is not so strong in prices as it was a while ago; but this condition is not a surprising one. Just before the new clip comes in prices are naturally unsettled; but when the amount of wool in the country is known, prices will adjust themselves and will rise to their expected level. Good wool in The Dalles will be worth at least fifteen cents a pound before two months have passed. Many stockmen of conservative judgment expect the price to go higher than this.

A joint discussion between T. T. Geer and W. R. King, the Republican and fusion candidates for governor, has been proposed. It is hard to believe Mr. King would consent to such an arrangement, for if he does, Geer's election by a large-sized majority is assured. There is not a man in the state who can get the better of him in debate, least of all the youthful candidate from Baker county. A joint discussion between Geer and King would be great fun for Geer.

THE CHRONICLE is aiming to furnish its readers with the very latest news. To do this necessitates the expenditure of a considerable amount of money and labor. We trust the same appreciation which has already been expressed will continue.

Portugal seems inclined to sympathize with Spain. This is not surprising, and will make but little difference. When the war blood of the United States is thoroughly aroused and the great resources of this nation drawn upon, it will take more than a dozen Portugals and Spain to be a match for the American people.

MASSACRE IN A CHINESE VILLAGE

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 28.—Oriental advices received by steamer tell of a shocking massacre which occurred early in the morning of March 31 at a hamlet some 20 miles south of Tai-poh, China, at the house of Yang Kinsheang.

It would appear according to the information of one of the unfortunate family's neighbors, that a party of over 20 robbers entered the house and murdered Yang, his wife, his mother and children and servants, 15 persons in all, who resisted them in their attempt to loot the house and attack the daughters. When the raiders had butchered all the inmates they set the house on fire.

MILITIA MOVES FRIDAY.

CO. G OF THE DALLES HAS ORDERS TO THAT EFFECT.

Excitement Runs High—Recruits Coming In—Many Enlisting—Examinations Held by Dr. Brosius Last Evening.

It would have been hard to conceive a more active scene than was presented at the armory yesterday afternoon and last night. Orders had been issued to the boys by Governor Lord to come together and make ready to leave, and in compliance with this demand at least forty of the soldier lads were on hand. Others volunteered their services, and by 6 o'clock the number had greatly increased.

At 5:20 Dr. Brosius, of Hood River, assistant regimental surgeon, arrived, and shortly afterwards began the examinations to ascertain the condition of the boys physically and otherwise. As yet his report has not been made, and we cannot in this issue give the result of this examination.

Over the door of the armory was the following inscription:

"REMEMBER THE MAINE"

Enthusiasm ran high among the members of the company, as well as among many who were anxious to enlist, but are held back by family ties or business interests. It is evident, however, that in case of an urgent call nothing will keep them back, and Oregon will come to the front bravely.

The only thing that bothered the boys was when they would be likely to get away. When the orders came that they move to Portland Friday, they were received with pleasure.

The following is the list of officers and men in Co. G at present:

- Captain—J S Booth.
- Second Lieutenant—G E Bartel.
- First Sergeant—D O Lemison.
- Quartermaster—L S Fritz.
- Second Sergeant—A Ulrich.
- Third Sergeant—M E Cushing.
- Fourth Sergeant—M J Barton.
- Fifth Sergeant—Ben Ulrich.
- First Corporal—J Landman.
- Second Corporal—R A Spivey.
- Third Corporal—A F Martin.
- Fourth Corporal—H A Staniels.
- Privates—Joe Kohler, A A Bonner, C M Bonner, W E Bonner, B Hanson, W W Brown, W M Brown, G Dufur, E Davenport, S R Gillam, S F Fouts, F Friedly, W G Harding, M Harrington, Z Harvey, Arthur Kennedy, Fred Kennedy, E R Lemison, W E Lukinburg, Frank Marcus, Billy Nichols, G A Phirman, J E Stilwell, Guy Southwell, Thos. Smiley, G E Smiley, C A Stringer, E Kerns, S C Turnbow, John Cooper, W Reavis, F W Clark, Will Norman, Fred Hillestrom, G A Cratty, Walter Dickey.

Captain Booth came up from Portland last night, and the boys will be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. In all probability they will depart on the early morning train Friday for Portland, where the state forces have orders to rendezvous.

BURGLARS AT WORK AGAIN.

Three Residences Entered and Burglarized Monday Night.

Three daring burglaries took place in our city some time Monday night or Tuesday morning.

William Michell's residence, on Fourth street, was entered by the side door and a suit of clothes which he had been wearing taken, in the pockets of which were a bunch of keys and some small change. Nothing else was taken. Upon looking around the premises this morning he found the pair of pants which were stolen some weeks ago, in the vacant lot adjoining his residence.

Truman Butler's residence, on the same street, was entered during the night and his pantaloons rifled, in the pocket of which they found his purse and also his wife's, containing \$5. However they were kind enough to leave the garment on the porch, as well as the purses, taking the money.

The next place where they attempted to make a haul was the residence of George Miller, near the Christian church. Here they made a better find than at either of the other places, having secured about \$15 in cash.

At Mr. Butler's they seemed to effect their entrance by means of a nipper, with which they caught the end of the key and turned it.

There undoubtedly are some smooth burglars in this city, who are perpetrating these robberies, and people should be very careful about locking their doors and should not keep any great amount of money on hand for fear they may be relieved of it.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

A Baker County Woodchucker Killed in a Row.

James Reed, a wood-hauler of Beaver creek, seven miles south of Baker City, was standing on a hill talking to W. T. Russell, a rancher, Thursday, between 6 and 7 P. M.; when Oliver and William Marshall came along in a wood wagon. The Marshalls stopped and got out of their wagon, William taking out the



Aermotor Windmills.

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wagon post and dropping it on the ground. Oliver went up to Reed and asked: "Is that true that you have been saying?" Reed said: "You are looking for trouble. Leave me alone. I don't want to have anything to do with you, Oliver." Oliver again asked Reed whether he had used a certain expression regarding his wife, and, without waiting for a reply, struck at him twice with a slingshot. Reed dodged and grabbed Oliver by the shoulder and pushed him to the ground. While Reed was standing over Oliver, holding him down William Marshall picked up the wagon post, came up behind Reed and struck him three times on the back of the head. Reed staggered against the wagon, holding up his hands, and William struck him again. At this juncture, Russel, who is a one-legged man, interfered and stopped further blows. William Waddo, a 13-year-old boy, who was an eye witness, with the aid of Russel, put Reed in a wagon and took him home. He died Saturday at 8 p. m. At the inquest, Sunday, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of unjustifiable killing against the Marshalls, who were arrested Friday night. They are now in jail, charged with murder, awaiting preliminary examination.

the object sought will have been obtained. The chief purpose in all this industrial movement on the part of the O. R. & N. Company is to demonstrate whether these products can be grown in its territory and put in marketable shape. If they can the manufacturing necessary to handle them will follow in due season. Sweet potatoes and peanuts are ready for the market when harvested. Corn will need be canned or dried for domestic use; for stock it can be used as taken from the field, or ground. Amber cane will need a mill to crush it, and a boiler or evaporator to reduce the juice to syrup. This plant will be provided before harvest time, and it will be of the most improved type. Tobacco and cotton will be prepared for the market in the usual way.

TO IRRIGATE CROPS.
 O. R. & N. Experiments to Be Made at Blalock.

A deal was completed Monday whereby the O. R. & N. Co. will have land for an agricultural experiment station this year, at Blalock, Umatilla county. President C. R. Smead, of the Smead Fruit Farm Association, was in Portland and completed arrangements with the O. R. & N. officials for the experiment work, and Industrial Agent Judson will go to select the soil and settle the working details of the transaction. Every facility for thoroughly testing the various crops the railroad company is experimenting with will be afforded on the Blalock lands, including irrigation during the growing season and proper curing after harvest in the fall.

Resolution of Condolence.
 WHEREAS, In the administration of an All Wise Providence it has been the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe that death should take from us our beloved brother, Webber Varney, and
 WHEREAS, The brother was an honored member of Dalles Lodge No. 2, I. O. G. T., therefore be it
 Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father to the loss of our beloved brother, we extend to our esteemed brother and sister Varney and family, our sympathy in their great bereavement, and be it
 Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, also that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother and one to the press.

The following poetical effusion in answer to the circular invitation of Capt. Lewis, chairman of the executive committee, to join the ceremonies connected with the Grand Army encampment, to be held here on the 17th, 18th and 19th of May. It breathes the proper spirit and voices the sentiments of the large crowd of old soldiers, who will be here on that occasion:
 We are coming to The Dalles, and we hope to be on hand.
 We will meet you at the great Columbia's brink.
 And, as in Billie Sherman's time, we will march with you in line,
 After which we'll join you in a social—think.
 If the boat will hold her dock until half past 9 o'clock,
 We're coming to The Dalles to have a time.
 On the sixteenth day of May, about the dawn of day,
 We will purchase round trip tickets for a song.
 We will lay aside our cares, homework and home affairs,
 We're coming to The Dalles to have a time.
 We'll try with all our might to show you we're all right,
 And thank you for your courtesy sublime.
 Another shipment of Cleveland wheels just received. They are really the only high grade wheel on the market. Maier & Benton sole agents.

Coming to The Dalles.
 (Mrs. J. E. BARNETT,
 Com. C. H. JENKINS,
 Mrs. L. ULRICH.)